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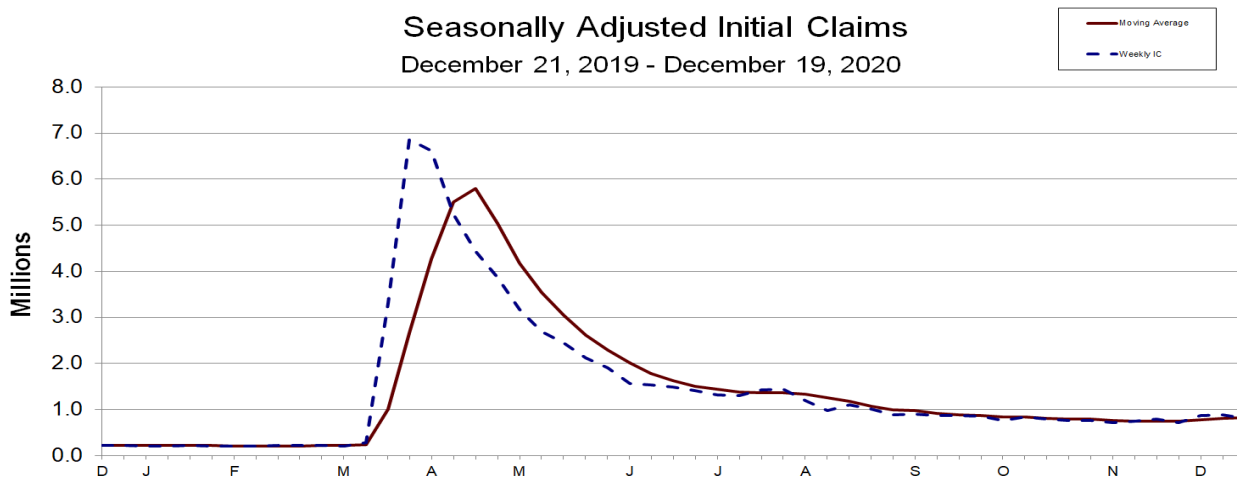
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE WEEKLY CLAIMS

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED DATA

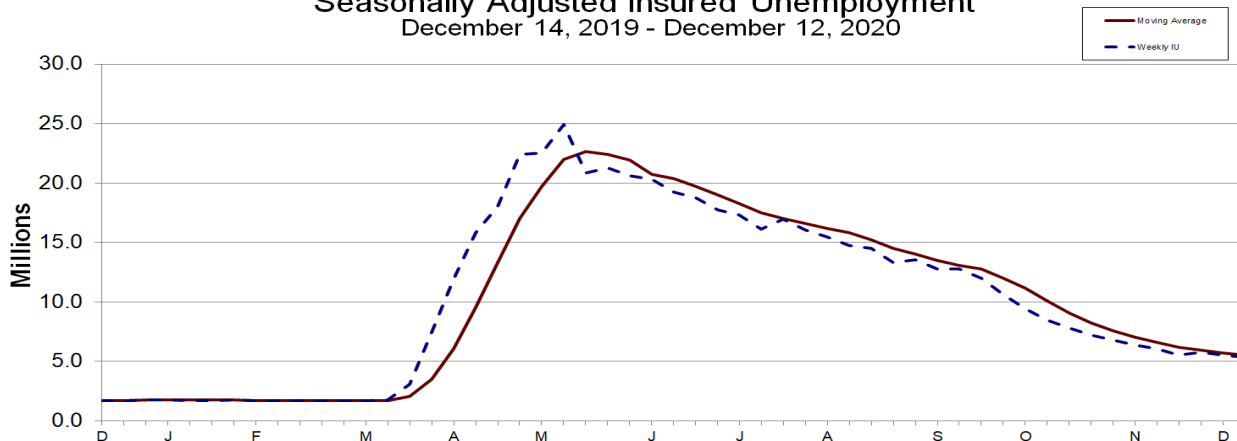
In the week ending December 19, the advance figure for seasonally adjusted **initial claims** was 803,000, a decrease of 89,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised up by 7,000 from 885,000 to 892,000. The 4-week moving average was 818,250, an increase of 4,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised up by 1,750 from 812,500 to 814,250.

The advance seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment rate** was 3.6 percent for the week ending December 12, a decrease of 0.2 percentage point from the previous week's unrevised rate. The advance number for seasonally adjusted **insured unemployment** during the week ending December 12 was 5,337,000, a decrease of 170,000 from the previous week's revised level. The previous week's level was revised down by 1,000 from 5,508,000 to 5,507,000. The 4-week moving average was 5,538,000, a decrease of 188,000 from the previous week's revised average. The previous week's average was revised down by 250 from 5,726,250 to 5,726,000.

Seasonally Adjusted Initial Claims
December 21, 2019 - December 19, 2020



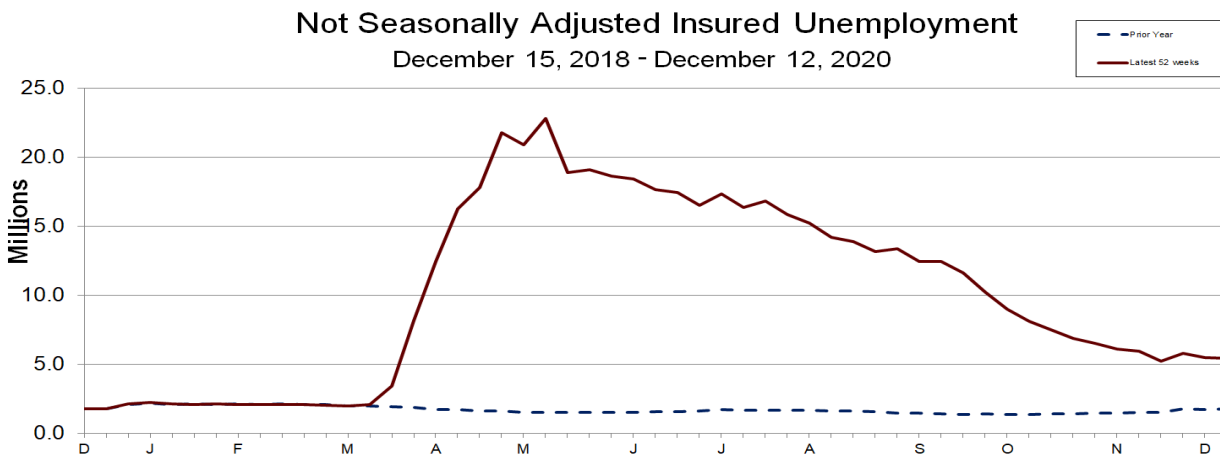
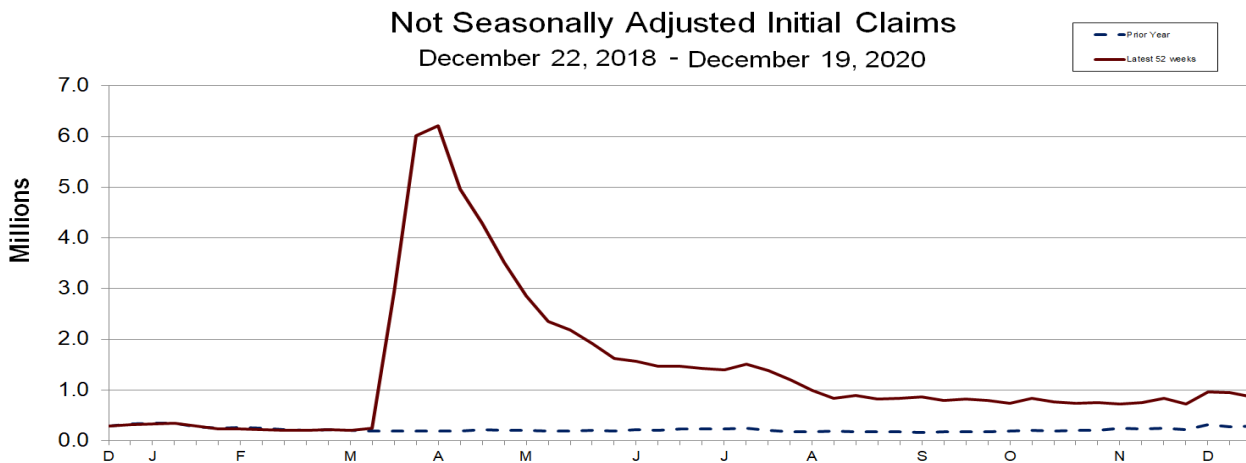
Seasonally Adjusted Insured Unemployment
December 14, 2019 - December 12, 2020



UNADJUSTED DATA

The advance number of actual initial claims under state programs, unadjusted, totaled 869,398 in the week ending December 19, a decrease of 72,512 (or -7.7 percent) from the previous week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 16,988 (or 1.8 percent) from the previous week. There were 287,243 initial claims in the comparable week in 2019. In addition, for the week ending December 19, 53 states reported 397,511 initial claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance.

The advance unadjusted insured unemployment rate was 3.7 percent during the week ending December 12, unchanged from the prior week. The advance unadjusted level of insured unemployment in state programs totaled 5,444,281, a decrease of 47,552 (or -0.9 percent) from the preceding week. The seasonal factors had expected an increase of 122,584 (or 2.2 percent) from the previous week. A year earlier the rate was 1.2 percent and the volume was 1,798,885.



The total number of continued weeks claimed for benefits in all programs for the week ending December 5 was 20,363,675, a decrease of 283,170 from the previous week. There were 1,757,802 weekly claims filed for benefits in all programs in the comparable week in 2019.

During the week ending December 5, Extended Benefits were available in the following 24 states: Alaska, California, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Hawaii, Illinois, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, Texas, the Virgin Islands, and Washington.

Initial claims for UI benefits filed by former Federal civilian employees totaled 2,362 in the week ending December 12, an increase of 128 from the prior week. There were 786 initial claims filed by newly discharged veterans, a decrease of 35 from the preceding week.

There were 17,269 continued weeks claimed filed by former Federal civilian employees the week ending December 5, an increase of 768 from the previous week. Newly discharged veterans claiming benefits totaled 9,501, a decrease of 701 from the prior week.

During the week ending December 5, 51 states reported 9,271,112 continued weekly claims for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance benefits and 51 states reported 4,793,230 continued claims for Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefits.

The highest insured unemployment rates in the week ending December 5 were in the Virgin Islands (8.3), Alaska (6.6), California (6.6), New Mexico (6.5), Nevada (6.1), Hawaii (5.6), Illinois (5.6), Pennsylvania (5.4), Puerto Rico (5.2), and Kansas (5.0).

The largest increases in initial claims for the week ending December 12 were in Illinois (+30,743), California (+25,664), Kansas (+5,637), Delaware (+2,355), and Ohio (+1,996), while the largest decreases were in Georgia (-9,301), Minnesota (-9,158), Texas (-8,876), Indiana (-7,920), and Wisconsin (-7,038).

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE DATA FOR REGULAR STATE PROGRAMS

WEEK ENDING	December 19	December 12	Change	December 5	Prior Year ¹
Initial Claims (SA)	803,000	892,000	-89,000	862,000	218,000
Initial Claims (NSA)	869,398	941,910	-72,512	956,473	287,243
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	818,250	814,250	+4,000	778,250	222,500

WEEK ENDING	December 12	December 5	Change	November 28	Prior Year ¹
Insured Unemployment (SA)	5,337,000	5,507,000	-170,000	5,781,000	1,716,000
Insured Unemployment (NSA)	5,444,281	5,491,833	-47,552	5,805,124	1,798,885
4-Wk Moving Average (SA)	5,538,000	5,726,000	-188,000	5,941,750	1,709,500
Insured Unemployment Rate (SA) ²	3.6%	3.8%	-0.2	3.9%	1.2%
Insured Unemployment Rate (NSA) ²	3.7%	3.7%	0.0	4.0%	1.2%

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED IN FEDERAL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 19	December 12	Change	December 5
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance	397,511	454,471	-56,960	415,037

WEEK ENDING	December 12	December 5	Change	Prior Year ¹
Federal Employees (UCFE)	2,362	2,234	+128	1,164
Newly Discharged Veterans (UCX)	786	821	-35	537

CONTINUED WEEKS CLAIMED FILED FOR UI BENEFITS IN ALL PROGRAMS (UNADJUSTED)

WEEK ENDING	December 5	November 28	Change	Prior Year ¹
Regular State	5,457,870	5,766,196	-308,326	1,725,237
Federal Employees	17,269	16,501	+768	10,910
Newly Discharged Veterans	9,501	10,202	-701	5,537
Pandemic Unemployment Assistance ³	9,271,112	9,244,556	+26,556	NA
Pandemic Emergency UC ⁴	4,793,230	4,801,408	-8,178	NA
Extended Benefits ⁵	712,878	693,598	+19,280	0
State Additional Benefits ⁶	2,560	3,323	-763	5,549
STC / Workshare ⁷	99,255	111,061	-11,806	10,569
TOTAL ⁸	20,363,675	20,646,845	-283,170	1,757,802

FOOTNOTES

SA - Seasonally Adjusted Data, NSA - Not Seasonally Adjusted Data.

Continued weeks claimed represent all weeks of benefits claimed during the week being reported, and do not represent weeks claimed by unique individuals.

1. Prior year is comparable to most recent data.
2. Most recent week used covered employment of 146,534,375 as denominator.
3. Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#)
4. Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)
5. Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)
6. Some states maintain additional benefit programs for those claimants who exhaust regular benefits, and when applicable, extended benefits. Information on states that participate, and the extent of benefits paid, can be found starting on page 4-4 of this link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
7. Information on STC/Worksharing can be found starting on page 4-8 of the following link: [Extensions and Special Programs PDF](#)
8. Totals include PUA Unemployment for the appropriate corresponding week.

Advance State Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 19			Insured Unemployment For Week Ended December 12		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Advance	Prior Wk	Change
Alabama	6,931	7,568	-637	20,452	23,443	-2,991
Alaska	4,369	4,507	-138	19,936	20,269	-333
Arizona	9,307	6,921	2,386	78,620	75,979	2,641
Arkansas	3,455	4,049	-594	19,702	21,953	-2,251
California	156,357	204,388	-48,031	1,018,793	1,159,688	-140,895
Colorado	25,689	19,897	5,792	99,878	97,572	2,306
Connecticut	7,555	8,383	-828	74,370	74,718	-348
Delaware	4,463	4,392	71	13,009	12,554	455
District of Columbia	1,689	1,810	-121	27,015	28,191	-1,176
Florida	24,092	26,018	-1,926	143,080	154,462	-11,382
Georgia	23,341	23,702	-361	157,859	158,047	-188
Hawaii	4,010	4,628	-618	32,477	34,679	-2,202
Idaho	3,632	4,083	-451	10,487	10,630	-143
Illinois	153,976	138,359	15,617	347,593	330,384	17,209
Indiana	13,000	15,702	-2,702	72,479	78,703	-6,224
Iowa	7,645	6,526	1,119	38,318	38,118	200
Kansas	33,073	36,795	-3,722	92,078	68,525	23,553
Kentucky	8,286	7,259	1,027	46,337	47,531	-1,194
Louisiana	6,981	9,289	-2,308	60,680	66,810	-6,130
Maine	2,927	3,125	-198	14,146	14,254	-108
Maryland	12,518	11,486	1,032	66,078	77,705	-11,627
Massachusetts	21,080	25,194	-4,114	159,995	169,814	-9,819
Michigan	17,430	19,465	-2,035	199,925	177,953	21,972
Minnesota	14,075	16,019	-1,944	139,770	135,667	4,103
Mississippi	4,133	5,090	-957	25,673	28,911	-3,238
Missouri	8,911	9,223	-312	42,613	45,336	-2,723
Montana	2,392	2,782	-390	16,699	16,629	70
Nebraska	2,659	2,689	-30	11,539	11,981	-442
Nevada	8,657	9,027	-370	81,735	84,416	-2,681
New Hampshire	2,509	3,178	-669	20,990	21,040	-50
New Jersey	15,484	16,368	-884	145,045	150,410	-5,365
New Mexico	4,941	5,100	-159	50,056	52,758	-2,702
New York	40,015	58,153	-18,138	376,516	393,621	-17,105
North Carolina	8,582	9,654	-1,072	64,654	69,270	-4,616
North Dakota	1,085	1,586	-501	8,416	7,756	660
Ohio	30,031	38,369	-8,338	152,637	156,989	-4,352
Oklahoma	4,270	5,297	-1,027	36,785	45,006	-8,221
Oregon	9,734	10,464	-730	88,692	84,711	3,981
Pennsylvania	46,098	39,258	6,840	335,935	313,427	22,508
Puerto Rico	960	1,273	-313	81,062	45,185	35,877
Rhode Island	6,681	5,617	1,064	19,092	17,645	1,447
South Carolina	3,583	3,581	2	39,431	42,376	-2,945
South Dakota	696	926	-230	4,144	3,844	300
Tennessee	7,411	7,435	-24	44,562	45,186	-624
Texas	31,494	38,645	-7,151	435,040	388,906	46,134
Utah	3,106	3,080	26	14,497	14,442	55
Vermont	1,245	1,434	-189	12,263	11,909	354
Virgin Islands	7	81	-74	2,590	3,118	-528
Virginia	23,131	14,509	8,622	67,884	68,019	-135
Washington	18,422	20,523	-2,101	184,881	170,449	14,432
West Virginia	2,286	3,407	-1,121	21,707	21,697	10
Wisconsin	14,114	14,662	-548	100,549	94,027	6,522
Wyoming	880	934	-54	5,517	5,120	397
US Total	869,398	941,910	-72,512	5,444,281	5,491,833	-47,552

Note: Advance claims are not directly comparable to claims reported in prior weeks. Advance claims are reported by the state liable for paying the unemployment compensation, whereas previous weeks reported claims reflect claimants by state of residence. In addition, claims reported as "workshare equivalent" in the previous week are added to the advance claims as a proxy for the current week's "workshare equivalent" activity.

Seasonally Adjusted US Weekly UI Claims (in thousands)

Week Ending	Initial Claims	Change from		Insured Unemployment	Change from		IUR
		Prior Week	4-Week Average		Prior Week	4-Week Average	
December 14, 2019	229	-8	220.75	1,716	-9	1,709.50	1.2
December 21, 2019	218	-11	222.50	1,728	12	1,717.25	1.2
December 28, 2019	220	2	226.00	1,775	47	1,736.00	1.2
January 4, 2020	212	-8	219.75	1,759	-16	1,744.50	1.2
January 11, 2020	207	-5	214.25	1,735	-24	1,749.25	1.2
January 18, 2020	220	13	214.75	1,704	-31	1,743.25	1.2
January 25, 2020	212	-8	212.75	1,753	49	1,737.75	1.2
February 1, 2020	201	-11	210.00	1,678	-75	1,717.50	1.2
February 8, 2020	204	3	209.25	1,729	51	1,716.00	1.2
February 15, 2020	215	11	208.00	1,693	-36	1,713.25	1.2
February 22, 2020	220	5	210.00	1,720	27	1,705.00	1.2
February 29, 2020	217	-3	214.00	1,699	-21	1,710.25	1.2
March 7, 2020	211	-6	215.75	1,702	3	1,703.50	1.2
March 14, 2020	282	71	232.50	1,784	82	1,726.25	1.2
March 21, 2020	3,307	3,025	1,004.25	3,059	1,275	2,061.00	2.1
March 28, 2020	6,867	3,560	2,666.75	7,446	4,387	3,497.75	5.1
April 4, 2020	6,615	-252	4,267.75	11,914	4,468	6,050.75	8.2
April 11, 2020	5,237	-1,378	5,506.50	15,819	3,905	9,559.50	10.9
April 18, 2020	4,442	-795	5,790.25	18,011	2,192	13,297.50	12.4
April 25, 2020	3,867	-575	5,040.25	22,377	4,366	17,030.25	15.4
May 2, 2020	3,176	-691	4,180.50	22,548	171	19,688.75	15.5
May 9, 2020	2,687	-489	3,543.00	24,912	2,364	21,962.00	17.1
May 16, 2020	2,446	-241	3,044.00	20,841	-4,071	22,669.50	14.3
May 23, 2020	2,123	-323	2,608.00	21,268	427	22,392.25	14.6
May 30, 2020	1,897	-226	2,288.25	20,606	-662	21,906.75	14.1
June 6, 2020	1,566	-331	2,008.00	20,289	-317	20,751.00	13.9
June 13, 2020	1,540	-26	1,781.50	19,231	-1,058	20,348.50	13.2
June 20, 2020	1,482	-58	1,621.25	18,760	-471	19,721.50	12.9
June 27, 2020	1,408	-74	1,499.00	17,760	-1,000	19,010.00	12.2
July 4, 2020	1,310	-98	1,435.00	17,304	-456	18,263.75	11.8
July 11, 2020	1,308	-2	1,377.00	16,151	-1,153	17,493.75	11.1
July 18, 2020	1,422	114	1,362.00	16,951	800	17,041.50	11.6
July 25, 2020	1,435	13	1,368.75	16,090	-861	16,624.00	11.0
August 1, 2020	1,191	-244	1,339.00	15,480	-610	16,168.00	10.6
August 8, 2020	971	-220	1,254.75	14,759	-721	15,820.00	10.1
August 15, 2020	1,104	133	1,175.25	14,492	-267	15,205.25	9.9
August 22, 2020	1,011	-93	1,069.25	13,292	-1,200	14,505.75	9.1
August 29, 2020	884	-127	992.50	13,544	252	14,021.75	9.3
September 5, 2020	893	9	973.00	12,747	-797	13,518.75	8.7
September 12, 2020	866	-27	913.50	12,747	0	13,082.50	8.7
September 19, 2020	873	7	879.00	11,979	-768	12,754.25	8.2
September 26, 2020	849	-24	870.25	10,594	-1,385	12,016.75	7.2
October 3, 2020	767	-82	838.75	9,398	-1,196	11,179.50	6.4
October 10, 2020	842	75	832.75	8,472	-926	10,110.75	5.8
October 17, 2020	797	-45	813.75	7,823	-649	9,071.75	5.3
October 24, 2020	758	-39	791.00	7,222	-601	8,228.75	4.9
October 31, 2020	757	-1	788.50	6,798	-424	7,578.75	4.6
November 7, 2020	711	-46	755.75	6,370	-428	7,053.25	4.3
November 14, 2020	748	37	743.50	6,089	-281	6,619.75	4.2
November 21, 2020	787	39	750.75	5,527	-562	6,196.00	3.8
November 28, 2020	716	-71	740.50	5,781	254	5,941.75	3.9
December 5, 2020	862	146	778.25	5,507	-274	5,726.00	3.8
December 12, 2020	892	30	814.25	5,337	-170	5,538.00	3.6
December 19, 2020	803	-89	818.25				

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PUA Initial Claims Filed During Week Ended December 19			PUA Continued Claims For Week Ended Dec 5		
	Advance	Prior Wk	Change	Dec 5	Nov 28	Change
Alabama	1,924	1,924	0	49,020	47,406	1,614
Alaska	313	340	-27	10,194	8,874	1,320
Arizona	2,788	1,624	1,164	56,030	209,441	-153,411
Arkansas	1,684	1,942	-258	44,866	4,837	40,029
California	47,619	48,813	-1,194	2,042,916	1,820,945	221,971
Colorado	27,989	20,621	7,368	81,154	83,656	-2,502
Connecticut	499	562	-63	40,958	39,796	1,162
Delaware	111	114	-3	5,086	6,818	-1,732
District of Columbia	279	207	72	15,372	15,539	-167
Florida	20,793	20,657	136	0	0	0
Georgia	2,490	2,822	-332	176,982	206,153	-29,171
Hawaii	2,211	9,358	-7,147	146,355	99,044	47,311
Idaho	11	22	-11	11,470	11,208	262
Illinois	37,962	36,204	1,758	165,160	160,381	4,779
Indiana	14,275	25,232	-10,957	541,812	625,450	-83,638
Iowa	1,282	1,535	-253	12,894	12,869	25
Kansas	5,656	6,547	-891	64,552	59,340	5,212
Kentucky	4,497	6,755	-2,258	46,356	37,463	8,893
Louisiana	2,260	2,688	-428	109,367	114,073	-4,706
Maine	1,856	931	925	17,226	16,775	451
Maryland	2,838	2,902	-64	196,131	208,656	-12,525
Massachusetts	5,158	6,223	-1,065	381,692	432,810	-51,118
Michigan	5,528	6,427	-899	385,840	411,643	-25,803
Minnesota	20	26	-6	42,592	44,817	-2,225
Mississippi	693	1,301	-608	24,979	25,110	-131
Missouri	2,391	332	2,059	43,926	43,416	510
Montana	1,037	1,202	-165	30,756	29,402	1,354
Nebraska	530	606	-76	6,035	7,870	-1,835
Nevada	13,498	46,755	-33,257	79,424	78,977	447
New Hampshire	960	880	80	13,271	13,156	115
New Jersey	2,950	5,128	-2,178	361,762	374,307	-12,545
New Mexico	1,086	1,321	-235	36,199	36,598	-399
New York	19,976	28,181	-8,205	1,036,144	1,103,911	-67,767
North Carolina	9,113	10,147	-1,034	131,457	129,433	2,024
North Dakota	451	1,076	-625	6,951	6,470	481
Ohio	56,676	54,722	1,954	440,206	430,840	9,366
Oklahoma	517	553	-36	9,465	9,441	24
Oregon	21,192	33,840	-12,648	397,613	206,860	190,753
Pennsylvania	11,623	14,047	-2,424	677,813	712,054	-34,241
Puerto Rico	13,891	13,431	460	239,066	234,520	4,546
Rhode Island	4,300	5,977	-1,677	41,562	40,663	899
South Carolina	21,344	2,971	18,373	54,508	54,535	-27
South Dakota	21	19	2	1,514	1,415	99
Tennessee	2,550	3,030	-480	65,200	68,087	-2,887
Texas	6,018	7,026	-1,008	519,220	582,764	-63,544
Utah	776	682	94	2,919	3,108	-189
Vermont	55	53	2	8,675	8,694	-19
Virgin Islands	92	51	41	0	0	0
Virginia	8,369	8,366	3	219,607	220,654	-1,047
Washington	3,715	4,068	-353	111,177	108,570	2,607
West Virginia	1,258	1,504	-246	35,428	2,800	32,628
Wisconsin	2,294	2,595	-301	30,439	31,136	-697
Wyoming	92	131	-39	1,771	1,771	0
US Total	397,511	454,471	-56,960	9,271,112	9,244,556	26,556

Note: Information on the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program can be found in UIPL 16-20: [PUA Program information](#). Backdated claims may be included in these figures.

Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	PEUC Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:				
	December 5	November 28	Change	November 21	November 14
Alabama	23,323	25,293	-1,970	26,810	29,960
Alaska	8,145	8,475	-330	8,459	8,909
Arizona	57,239	57,064	175	55,001	55,006
Arkansas	10,189	10,771	-582	10,881	12,414
California	1,381,630	1,366,951	14,679	1,272,167	1,264,212
Colorado	74,017	74,907	-890	70,031	66,806
Connecticut	65,736	63,903	1,833	61,155	61,390
Delaware	13,049	14,118	-1,069	14,193	14,228
District of Columbia	27,390	26,558	832	25,433	25,054
Florida	0	0	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0	0	0
Hawaii	52,266	53,573	-1,307	45,256	50,244
Idaho	3,965	4,415	-450	4,473	4,876
Illinois	246,235	248,634	-2,399	231,238	228,583
Indiana	59,254	58,562	692	56,452	56,653
Iowa	24,234	26,863	-2,629	24,068	26,410
Kansas	20,743	21,764	-1,021	22,105	23,104
Kentucky	32,032	30,176	1,856	31,212	29,672
Louisiana	50,620	43,831	6,789	41,452	39,167
Maine	12,478	12,982	-504	12,683	13,513
Maryland	62,676	61,954	722	56,837	56,777
Massachusetts	179,548	180,256	-708	175,774	173,966
Michigan	233,880	227,767	6,113	228,265	213,879
Minnesota	87,238	90,072	-2,834	83,514	83,409
Mississippi	16,460	16,991	-531	17,360	16,796
Missouri	30,977	35,669	-4,692	36,110	41,749
Montana	5,669	5,745	-76	5,749	5,710
Nebraska	4,375	4,341	34	4,230	4,249
Nevada	98,209	98,178	31	95,860	95,965
New Hampshire	8,459	8,235	224	7,056	7,749
New Jersey	187,015	187,753	-738	178,203	181,185
New Mexico	38,629	38,550	79	35,654	34,946
New York	761,368	749,766	11,602	715,067	717,795
North Carolina	120,458	126,621	-6,163	123,151	127,999
North Dakota	5,842	6,014	-172	5,942	6,019
Ohio	100,818	101,160	-342	97,556	98,202
Oklahoma	26,620	27,285	-665	28,053	27,888
Oregon	66,406	65,481	925	60,715	60,972
Pennsylvania	219,813	230,191	-10,378	202,582	214,793
Puerto Rico	43,737	42,766	971	34,696	36,177
Rhode Island	19,289	19,553	-264	19,302	19,674
South Carolina	52,281	58,169	-5,888	60,582	69,870
South Dakota	810	832	-22	726	890
Tennessee	37,503	38,165	-662	39,547	42,818
Texas	21,048	34,537	-13,489	20,465	22,615
Utah	7,253	7,600	-347	7,983	7,703
Vermont	9,833	9,825	8	8,963	9,598
Virgin Islands	22	67	-45	48	110
Virginia	82,737	81,256	1,481	79,288	86,226
Washington	5,392	5,505	-113	4,256	5,761
West Virginia	18,259	18,153	106	17,414	17,828
Wisconsin	74,547	70,597	3,950	65,454	65,989
Wyoming	3,514	3,514	0	3,405	3,508
US Total	4,793,230	4,801,408	-8,178	4,532,876	4,569,016

Note: Information on the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program can be found in Unemployment Insurance Program Letter (UIPL) 17-20: [PEUC Program information](#)

Extended Benefits (EB) Continued Claims - Not Seasonally Adjusted

STATE	EB Claims Filed During Weeks Ended:		
	December 5	November 28	Change
Alabama	2	0	2
Alaska	1,792	1,638	154
Arizona	7,266	6,503	763
Arkansas	154	210	-56
California	141,661	148,518	-6,857
Colorado	95	57	38
Connecticut	8,569	8,494	75
Delaware	180	144	36
District of Columbia	39	28	11
Florida	0	0	0
Georgia	0	0	0
Hawaii	28	23	5
Idaho	24	27	-3
Illinois	27,057	28,672	-1,615
Indiana	43	70	-27
Iowa	189	136	53
Kansas	4,900	4,432	468
Kentucky	4	78	-74
Louisiana	2,712	2,416	296
Maine	85	73	12
Maryland	7,746	7,428	318
Massachusetts	30,665	23,622	7,043
Michigan	41,580	50,215	-8,635
Minnesota	17,728	16,315	1,413
Mississippi	5,838	5,522	316
Missouri	73	212	-139
Montana	45	77	-32
Nebraska	42	68	-26
Nevada	18,705	16,774	1,931
New Hampshire	499	485	14
New Jersey	43,118	42,216	902
New Mexico	2,563	2,431	132
New York	50,616	51,160	-544
North Carolina	43,143	48,751	-5,608
North Dakota	3	7	-4
Ohio	18,427	17,862	565
Oklahoma	0	0	0
Oregon	10,152	9,446	706
Pennsylvania	25,456	24,310	1,146
Puerto Rico	2,664	2,680	-16
Rhode Island	3,897	3,513	384
South Carolina	24,701	19,992	4,709
South Dakota	0	0	0
Tennessee	33	52	-19
Texas	138,240	113,125	25,115
Utah	0	0	0
Vermont	978	886	92
Virgin Islands	0	0	0
Virginia	1,548	3,182	-1,634
Washington	23,587	20,910	2,677
West Virginia	23	30	-7
Wisconsin	6,008	10,805	-4,797
Wyoming	0	3	-3
US Total	712,878	693,598	19,280

Note: Information on the EB program can be found here: [EB Program information](#)

INITIAL CLAIMS FILED DURING WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 12

INSURED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR WEEK ENDED
DECEMBER 5

STATE NAME	STATE	CHANGE FROM				STATE (%) ²	CHANGE FROM				ALL PROGRAMS EXCLUDING RAILROAD RETIREMENT	
		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		LAST WEEK	YEAR AGO	UCFE ¹	UCX ¹		
Alabama	7,568	-88	5,206	17	11	23,443	1.2	-1,215	8,365	76	45	23,564
Alaska	4,507	-18	3,558	18	1	20,269	6.6	-26	11,624	240	39	20,548
Arizona	6,921	-441	3,625	13	1	75,979	2.6	-6,635	58,543	313	172	76,464
Arkansas	4,049	-600	2,240	3	2	21,953	1.8	-2,681	10,343	160	35	22,148
California	204,388	25,664	156,867	514	173	1,159,688	6.6	-65,138	838,124	4,064	2,135	1,165,887
Colorado	19,897	810	17,618	54	27	97,572	3.6	5,924	78,139	333	305	98,210
Connecticut	8,383	587	4,040	36	7	74,718	4.5	-860	43,678	277	70	75,065
Delaware	4,392	2,355	3,627	30	12	12,554	2.8	-981	8,005	52	21	12,627
District of Columbia	1,810	131	1,248	30	0	28,191	4.8	-1,220	21,302	513	5	28,709
Florida	26,018	-3,124	20,643	57	64	154,462	1.8	-32,287	121,034	394	287	155,143
Georgia	23,702	-9,301	17,107	74	29	158,047	3.6	-76,215	131,689	461	346	158,854
Hawaii	4,628	356	3,576	11	15	34,679	5.6	-5,624	28,776	215	119	35,013
Idaho	4,083	-992	1,621	49	0	10,630	1.4	81	3,611	203	10	10,843
Illinois	138,359	30,743	123,283	18	8	330,384	5.6	-3,903	231,383	603	263	331,250
Indiana	15,702	-7,920	12,291	30	14	78,703	2.6	-6,087	63,187	175	98	78,976
Iowa	6,526	-3,586	1,592	7	4	38,118	2.5	-4,264	18,038	82	28	38,228
Kansas	36,795	5,637	34,970	5	0	68,525	5.0	7,270	60,448	67	40	68,632
Kentucky	7,259	-909	3,596	6	1	47,531	2.5	654	30,267	130	146	47,807
Louisiana	9,289	175	7,062	19	8	66,810	3.5	-8,194	52,105	145	41	66,996
Maine	3,125	120	1,821	3	0	14,254	2.4	1,324	8,597	95	10	14,359
Maryland	11,486	1,282	8,010	30	7	77,705	3.2	3,271	53,642	314	62	78,081
Massachusetts	25,194	-1,379	16,177	50	20	169,814	4.7	-22,904	111,787	397	103	170,314
Michigan	19,465	-3,943	9,264	61	12	177,953	4.1	-33,584	125,207	214	51	178,218
Minnesota	16,019	-9,158	9,222	21	5	135,667	4.7	-4,776	86,207	199	96	135,962
Mississippi	5,090	15	3,803	3	1	28,911	2.6	-2,632	21,418	96	39	29,046
Missouri	9,223	-1,346	5,323	7	2	45,336	1.6	-3,941	26,424	108	33	45,477
Montana	2,782	-1,219	1,427	76	4	16,629	3.6	-494	7,969	362	25	17,016
Nebraska	2,689	-345	1,602	6	3	11,981	1.2	-884	8,882	21	12	12,014
Nevada	9,027	244	6,372	17	1	84,416	6.1	-1,264	66,073	174	122	84,712
New Hampshire	3,178	-235	2,513	9	1	21,040	3.2	-202	17,555	39	11	21,090
New Jersey	16,368	-657	5,562	28	15	150,410	3.7	-4,348	64,646	352	289	151,051
New Mexico	5,100	-2,859	4,161	18	0	52,758	6.5	-1,647	43,643	398	81	53,237
New York	58,153	-4,524	40,045	30	22	393,621	4.2	-17,139	257,020	254	416	394,291
North Carolina	9,654	-296	6,005	27	40	69,270	1.6	-4,187	49,464	291	264	69,825
North Dakota	1,586	-123	458	8	3	7,756	1.9	91	3,953	38	9	7,803
Ohio	38,369	1,996	28,370	18	26	156,989	2.9	2,948	102,178	254	240	157,483
Oklahoma	5,297	-871	3,342	30	5	45,006	2.9	-2,178	28,717	68	60	45,134
Oregon	10,464	-5,289	4,945	115	9	84,711	4.4	-1,715	57,542	753	141	85,605
Pennsylvania	39,258	-1,575	18,567	157	46	313,427	5.4	-4,938	195,190	1,359	438	315,224
Puerto Rico	1,273	-77	248	2	3	45,185	5.2	-3,224	27,532	150	35	45,370
Rhode Island	5,617	356	4,279	6	0	17,645	3.7	1,796	10,370	80	17	17,742
South Carolina	3,581	-1,193	1,086	8	11	42,376	2.0	-3,995	27,645	49	82	42,507
South Dakota	926	22	397	14	1	3,844	0.9	-80	1,825	49	3	3,896
Tennessee	7,435	579	4,959	22	13	45,186	1.4	-2,280	28,597	46	56	45,288
Texas	38,645	-8,876	23,608	411	129	388,906	3.1	14,454	266,721	1,154	1,654	391,714
Utah	3,080	-225	1,374	76	2	14,442	1.0	-59	4,692	198	17	14,657
Vermont	1,434	-579	895	0	0	11,909	3.9	-29	8,340	17	2	11,928
Virgin Islands	81	21	52	0	0	3,118	8.3	1,100	2,990	0	18	3,136
Virginia	14,509	-2,145	11,382	21	6	68,019	1.8	-5,785	48,791	314	301	68,634
Washington	20,523	-5,100	13,164	57	14	170,449	5.0	-4,775	111,133	504	504	171,457
West Virginia	3,407	348	900	3	1	21,697	3.3	702	7,179	150	42	21,889
Wisconsin	14,662	-7,038	7,868	22	7	94,027	3.3	-10,237	60,751	195	52	94,274
Wyoming	934	27	392	15	0	5,120	1.9	-279	2,426	74	11	5,205
Totals	941,910	-14,563	671,363	2,362	786	5,491,833	3.7	-313,291	3,763,767	17,269	9,501	5,518,603

Figures appearing in columns showing over-the-week changes reflect all revisions in data for prior week submitted by state agencies.

1. The Unemployment Compensation program for Federal Employees (UCFE) and the Unemployment Compensation for Ex-servicemembers (UCX) exclude claims filed jointly under other programs to avoid duplication.
2. Rate is not seasonally adjusted. The source of U.S. total covered employment is BLS.

UNADJUSTED INITIAL CLAIMS FOR WEEK ENDED DECEMBER 12, 2020

STATES WITH AN INCREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
IL	+30,743	Layoffs in the other services, wholesale trade, retail trade, and educational services industries.
CA	+25,664	Layoffs in the service industry.
KS	+5,637	No comment.
DE	+2,355	No comment.
OH	+1,996	No comment.
MD	+1,282	No comment.

STATES WITH A DECREASE OF MORE THAN 1,000

State	Change	State Supplied Comment
GA	-9,301	Fewer layoffs in the manufacturing, accommodations and food services, trade, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
MN	-9,158	No comment.
TX	-8,876	No comment.
IN	-7,920	No comment.
WI	-7,038	Fewer layoffs in the construction and transportation and warehousing industries.
OR	-5,289	No comment.
WA	-5,100	No comment.
NY	-4,524	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services, construction, and other services industries.
MI	-3,943	Fewer layoffs in the accommodation and food services industry.
IA	-3,586	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, educational services, and accommodation and food services industries.
FL	-3,124	Fewer layoffs in the construction, manufacturing, wholesale trade, retail trade, and services industries.
NM	-2,859	No comment.
VA	-2,145	No comment.
PA	-1,575	Fewer layoffs in the transportation and warehousing, construction, and administrative and support and waste management and remediation services industries.
MA	-1,379	Fewer layoffs in the health care and social assistance, transportation and warehousing, and educational services industries.
MO	-1,346	Fewer layoffs in the construction, accommodation and food services, and manufacturing industries.
MT	-1,219	No comment.
SC	-1,193	No comment.

TECHNICAL NOTES

This news release presents the weekly unemployment insurance (UI) claims reported by each state's unemployment insurance program offices. These claims may be used for monitoring workload volume, assessing state program operations and for assessing labor market conditions. States initially report claims directly taken by the state liable for the benefit payments, regardless of where the claimant who filed the claim resided. These are the basis for the advance initial claims and continued claims reported each week. These data come from ETA 538, Advance Weekly Initial and Continued Claims Report. The following week initial claims and continued claims are revised based on a second reporting by states that reflect the claimants by state of residence. These data come from the ETA 539, Weekly Claims and Extended Benefits Trigger Data Report.

A. Initial Claims

An initial claim is a claim filed by an unemployed individual after a separation from an employer. The claimant requests a determination of basic eligibility for the UI program. When an initial claim is filed with a state, certain programmatic activities take place and these result in activity counts including the count of initial claims. The count of U.S. initial claims for unemployment insurance is a leading economic indicator because it is an indication of emerging labor market conditions in the country. However, these are weekly administrative data which are difficult to seasonally adjust, making the series subject to some volatility.

B. Continued Weeks Claimed

A person who has already filed an initial claim and who has experienced a week of unemployment then files a continued claim to claim benefits for that week of unemployment. On a weekly basis, continued claims are also referred to as insured unemployment, as continued claims reflect a good approximation of the current number of insured unemployed workers filing for UI benefits. The count of U.S. continued weeks claimed is also a good indicator of labor market conditions. While continued claims are not a leading indicator (they roughly coincide with economic cycles at their peaks and lag at cycle troughs), they provide confirming evidence of the direction of the U.S. economy.

C. Seasonal Adjustments and Annual Revisions

Over the course of a year, the weekly changes in the levels of initial claims and continued claims undergo regularly occurring fluctuations. These fluctuations may result from seasonal changes in weather, major holidays, the opening and closing of schools, or other similar events. Because these seasonal events follow a more or less regular pattern each year, their influence on the level of a series can be tempered by adjusting for regular seasonal variation. These adjustments make trend and cycle developments easier to spot. At the beginning of each calendar year, the Bureau of Labor Statistics provides the Employment and Training Administration (ETA) with a set of seasonal factors to apply to the unadjusted data during that year. Concurrent with the implementation and release of the new seasonal factors, ETA incorporates revisions to the UI claims historical series caused by updates to the unadjusted data.

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